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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination
 as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, delete line 1, and insert:

- Background Information -

On page 1, line 2, insert:

- A method and a device for storing TOC (table of contents) information of a storage medium are known from the publication Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 097, No. 008, August 29, 1997 and JP 09106659A. The total number of music titles and the start/stop addresses of the music titles are stored in a run-in area of the storage medium in the form of TOC information. These addresses are provided in the form of a combination of multiple time units, namely minutes, seconds, and frames. Depending on the number of music titles stored on the storage medium, the addresses formed by the time units are stored more or less precisely in a read/write memory after inserting the storage medium designed as a compact disc into a player. -

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